Committee for phased manufacturing of drugs

131. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether an official high power committee has been set up for laying norms for phased manufacturing programme for drugs with import contents and for drugs for which technology is well established in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether the committee has submitted its report to the Government and if so, what are the broad recommendations made by the committee and the action taken on each of the recommendations; and

(d) if the answer to part (c) above be in the negative, by when the Committee is likely to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS IN THE THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The composition of the Committee is as under:

(1) Dr. S. Ramaswamy, Dy. DG., DGTD—Chairman.

(2) Representative of the Department of Science and Technology—Member.

(3) Representative of the Department of Industrial Development—Member.

(4) Shri P. M. Mehta, Project Officer, Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals—Member Convener.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. the report is expected within this month.

Acute power shortage in Bihar

132. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in Bihar State people are facing acute power shortage;

(b) what is the total power demand in Bihar and the production at present along with the power being supplied to the State;

(c) what will be the power requirement of this State by the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(d) whether Government will be in a position to meet the demand of the people of that State at that time; if so, how; and

(e) if not, the steps being taken to meet that demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) During the period April to June, 1987 the energy requirement in Bihar was 1195 million units against which the availability was 953 million units which represents a shortage of about 20.3 per cent.

(c) to (e) As per the present assessment, the power requirement of the State at the end of Seventh Plan i.e. in 1989-90 is expected to be 6348 million units, against which the expected availability would be about 7704 million units. In order to further improve the generation from the existing thermal power stations, a Centrally sponsored Renovation and Modernisation Programme is being implemented at Patratu, Barauni and Karbigahia Thermal Stations at a total estimated cost of Rs. 67.26 crores, with a Central component of Rs. 25.81 crores. In addition, capa-